Rules of Engagement

The Commander's Rules
for
The Use of Force

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ROE 101

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ROE 101: Fundamental Concepts

- ROE always fall into one of two distinct functional categories:

SELF DEFENSE

or

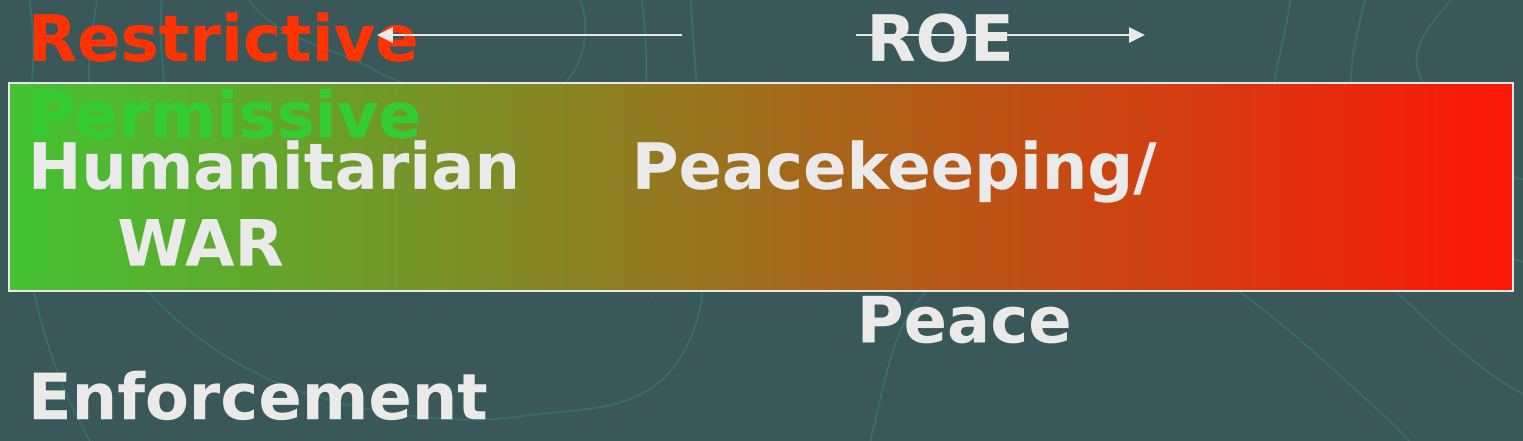
MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT

ROE 101: Fundamental Concepts

- ROE are not merely a restatement of the Law of War, but the commander's rules for the use of force

ROE 101: Fundamental Concepts

- ROE may be generally restrictive or generally permissive, depending on the mission



ROE 101: Fundamental Concepts

- JCS Standing Rules of Engagement (CJCSI 3121.01A, 15 JAN 00)
  - Apply to US forces
  - During military attacks against the US and
  - During ALL military operations, contingencies, and terrorist attacks occurring outside US territory
  - Not to be confused with Rules for Use of Force (peacetime operations within US territory)

ROE 101: Definitions

- Hostile Act
  - An attack or other use of force
  - Against US and US forces (and others as designated)
  - Including force used directly to preclude or impede the mission and/or duties of US forces

CJCSI 3121.01A, para. 5(g)

ROE 101: Definitions

- Hostile Intent
  - The threat of imminent use of force
  - Against the US and US Forces (and others as designated)
  - Including threat to use force to preclude or impede the mission and/or duties of US forces

CJCSI 3121.01A, para. 5(h)

ROE 101: Definitions

- Hostile Force
  - Any civilian, paramilitary, or military force, or terrorist(s)
  - With or without national designation
  - That has committed hostile act, exhibited hostile intent
  - Or has been *declared* hostile by *appropriate authority*

    CJCSI 3121.01A, para. 5(i)

ROE 101: Self Defense

- The inherent right to use all necessary means available and to take all appropriate actions to defend oneself, unit, other US forces from a hostile act or demonstrated hostile intent.
- For commanders, self-defense is an **obligation**.

ROE 101: Self Defense

- Elements of Self-Defense CJCSI 3121.01A, 5f.
  - At all times, the requirements of **necessity** and **proportionality** will form the basis for judgment as to what constitutes an appropriate response (para. 5a.)
  - **Necessity**: Exists when a hostile act occurs or when a force or terrorist(s) exhibits hostile intent
  - **Proportionality**: Force used to counter a hostile act or demonstrated hostile intent must be *reasonable in intensity, duration and magnitude* based on all facts known at the time.

ROE 101: Self Defense

- Who and What can I defend?
  - Host nation has principal responsibility for defending US nationals and their property (amplification of this rule is confidential).
  - Under certain circumstances, self-defense right may extend to US nationals and their property and/or US commercial assets.
  - NCA must approve defense of non-US forces, foreign nationals and their property. (Collective SD)

“R-A-M-P”

Return fire with aimed fire. Return force with force. You always have the right to repel hostile acts with necessary force.

Anticipate attack. Use force first if, but only if, you see clear indicators of hostile intent or identify a hostile force.

Measure the amount of force that you use, if time and circumstances permit. Use only the amount of force necessary to protect lives and accomplish the mission.

Protect with deadly force only human life, and property designated by your commander. Stop short of deadly force when protecting other property.

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ANTICIPATE ATTACK

"HAND S-A-L-U-T-E"

- HAND
- SIZE
- ACTIVITY
- LOCATION
- UNIT
- TIME
- EQUIPMENT

“M”

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MEASURE
"The 5 S's"

- SHOUT
- SHOW
- SHOVE
- SHOOT (to warn if authorized)
- SHOOT (to eliminate threat)

“P

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Questions?